

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

20 – 23 (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended – Presented in Independent Form) ~~The overboot of claim 22,~~ An overboot in combination with a foot portion of a multi-legged firearm support assembly, the foot portion having an upper portion and a lower portion, the upper portion being generally cylindrical, the lower portion having a shape of a truncated cone, the lower portion having a maximum diameter that is greater than a substantially constant diameter of the upper portion, the overboot comprising:

an upper portion circumferentially surrounding the upper portion of the foot portion, wherein the upper portion of the overboot includes a plurality of slots for accommodating constriction of the upper portion of the overboot about the upper portion of the foot portion, and wherein the plurality of slots create a plurality of axially extending fingers, wherein the axially extending fingers define a continuous annular recess circumferentially surrounding the upper portion of the overboot when the upper portion of the overboot is constricted about the upper portion of the foot portion;

a floor; and

a conical portion interconnecting the floor and the upper portion of the overboot, the conical portion upwardly and outwardly extending from the floor;

whereby the overboot is a thin walled structure constructed of a flexible material that matingly receives the foot portion.

25. (Currently Amended – Presented in independent form) ~~The overboot of claim 20~~ An overboot in combination with a foot portion of a multi-legged firearm support assembly, the foot portion having an upper portion and a lower portion, the upper portion being generally cylindrical, the lower portion having a shape of a truncated cone, the lower portion having a maximum diameter that is greater than a substantially constant diameter of the upper portion, the overboot comprising:

an upper portion circumferentially surrounding the upper portion of the foot portion;

a floor; and

a conical portion interconnecting the floor and the upper portion of the overboot, the conical portion upwardly and outwardly extending from the floor;

whereby the overboot is a thin walled structure constructed of a flexible material that matingly receives the foot portion and;

wherein the lower portion of the overboot includes a plurality of concentric ribs radially extending between the floor and the upper portion of the overboot.

26. (Previously Added) The overboot of claim 25, wherein the concentric ribs have a generally triangular shape.

27 – 31 (Cancelled)

32. (Previously Added) An overboot in combination with a foot portion of a multi-legged firearm support assembly, the foot portion having an upper portion and a lower portion, the upper portion being generally cylindrical, the lower portion having a shape of a truncated cone, the lower portion having a maximum diameter that is greater than a substantially constant diameter of the upper portion, the overboot comprising:

a lower portion downwardly terminating at a floor, the floor defining a generally planar lower surface, the lower portion further including a sidewall upwardly and outwardly extending from the floor and mating with the lower portion of the foot portion, the sidewall including a plurality of concentric, triangularly shaped ribs radially extending about the lower portion of the overboot;

an upper portion integrally formed with and upwardly extending from the lower portion of the overboot, the upper portion of the overboot circumferentially surrounding the upper portion of the foot portion, the upper portion of the overboot having a significantly smaller diameter than the lower portion of the foot portion, the upper portion of the overboot further including a plurality of slots and fingers to accommodate the foot portion; and

a band constricted about the upper portion of the foot portion for securing and holding the overboot in position, the band received into an annular recess defined by the plurality of fingers and circumferentially surrounding the upper portion of the overboot, the annular recess being continuous about the upper portion of the overboot when the upper portion of the overboot is constricted about the upper portion of the foot portion;

whereby the overboot is a thin walled structure constructed of a flexible material that matingly receives the foot portion.

33. (Previously Added) The overboot of claim 32, wherein the band comprises a pliant strap having a diameter in a relaxed state less than the diameter of the upper portion of the overboot.

34. (Previously Added) The overboot of claim 32, wherein the band comprises a cord removably tied to the upper portion of the overboot for constriction thereof.